1	2	3	4	5
31.	Karnataka	22293	10966	6282
32.	Kerala	20742	12647	8771
33.	Tamil Nadu	28631	14962	9468
34.	Lakshadweep	24	17	8
35.	Pondicherry	608	325	205

Source: RBI data

Decline in growth of cottage industries

3011. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a decline in the growth of cottage industries in our country;

(b) if so, whether Government have analysed the factors for such decline in cottage industries;

(c) the steps being taken by Government to boost cottage industries specifically in remote villages to provide more employment opportunities; and

(d) the funds allocated for the development and establishment of-cottage industries during the Tenth Plan period, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM): (a) No, Sir.The Khadi and Village Industries sector consists essentially of conventional (traditional) rural cottage industries. The village industries in the country have registered growth both in value of production and in employment. The value of production in this sector has increased from Rs. 6491.68 crores during 2000-01 to. Rs. 7140.52 crores during 2001-02 and Rs.7932.39 crores (provisional) during 2002-03 and the employment in the sector has also registered an upward trend from 50.51 lakh job opportunities during 2000-01 to 54.16 lakh job opportunities during 2001 -02 and 57.87 lakh (provisional) job opportunities during 2002-03.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Government has been taking steps from time to time for the promotion and development of rural and cottage industries with positive results. Assistance provided to this sector consists of margin money

assistance under Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP), training, technological and marketing support.In order to further strengthen the sector in the country, the Government had on 14-05-2001 announced the 'Khadi Package'.The package mainly consists of creation of packaging and design facilities, measures to promote marketing, brand building, cluster development and provision of additional working capital etc.

(d) Funds are allocated scheme-wise/programme-wise and not State-wise, during the Tenth Plan a sum of Rs. 2159.52 crores has been allocated to KVIC for the development of Khadi and Village Industries including cottage industries in the country.

Agro-based foreign industries

†3012. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of agro-based foreign industries in the country, State-wise;

(b) the details of the proposals received for setting up of agro-based industries during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) the details of proposals approved till date, State-wise; and

(d) the measures being taken to explore possibilities of new areas in agro-based industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRC AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM): (a) As intimated by the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) Ministry of Commerce and Industry, the data relating to the foreign Agro-based industries functioning in the country is not maintained centrally.

(b) As intimated by DIPP, the details of number of proposals received, including that agro-based industries for foreign investment/foreign collaboration during the last three years are at Statement-I, II and III (See below).

(c) As intimated by the DIPP, the State-wise details of proposals of agro-based industries approved for foreign investment/foreign collaboration is at Statement-IV *(See* below/

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.